

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I had a couple questions also of Senator Chambers. One was the one that already has been asked in part. Also, why is the Department of Administrative Services picked as the agency to have the responsibility for it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There is no other agency. We talked about it even with the Department of Administrative Services there. They are an agency which can let the contract. There was no other agency that we could come up with that could do it. We had thought about Buildings and Grounds, but that would have been somewhat inappropriate, and may demean the dignity that we would like the legal profession to have.

SENATOR WARNER: My question was if it was inappropriate to have it with some portion of the legal services that the state now has, such as the Attorney General's Office?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We couldn't come up with another one that was more suitable. By the way, Mr. Matzke said they could administer it. He wasn't happy with the idea, but I don't imagine any agency is happy with being given a new program such as this.

SENATOR WARNER: That leads to the other question. I noticed that \$130,000 is what is appropriated. I assume that is the amount for the contract. I see the agency also, in addition to that, was asking for two positions in the amount of \$34,000. I would assume, from that, that the agency cannot carry out the functions. The reason I raised the question is periodically I see an appropriations bill, the following year an agency coming in and asking for money based upon some legislation that didn't carry adequate appropriations. I'm wondering if you're assured that they do not need additional people.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well what I would do, Senator Warner because the bill came up last year and was not acted on, I intend to talk to Mr. Matzke and work out any details that I'm not in a position to deal with right now. I genuinely didn't think the bill would be reached today. That is why I wasn't totally prepared with all the information I needed. But I will get that information. If the bill is advanced, then on Select File anything that could be done to it, or with it on General File could be done there. I just don't have all the answers to all the questions that you have just asked.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I'd like to ask Senator Chambers a question, if he would answer. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR KEYES: This information that is going to be carried at Creighton is available to judges, prosecutors and public defenders.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.